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EAST PAKISTAN: AUTHORITIES IN THE EAST WING APPARENTLY ARE IMPROPERLY DIVERTING US AID CONTRIBUTIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A USAID OFFICER REPORTED OVERHEARING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO EAST PAKISTANI OFFICIALS, ONE OF WHOM NOTED THAT PUBLIC RELIEF FUNDS WERE BEING USED TO PAY THE SALARIES OF THE RAZAKARS--LOCAL INDIVIDUALS HIRED AS POLICE BY THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION. THERE HAVE BEEN UNSUPPORTED ALLEGATIONS EARLIER TO THIS EFFECT. IN THE EYES OF THE AVERAGE BENGALI CITIZEN, THE RAZAKARS AND THE PAKISTANI ARMY ARE THE MOST UNPOPULAR ELEMENTS IN THE EAST WING. THE PUBLIC RELIEF PROGRAMS ARE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED BY THE US; FOR EXAMPLE, SOME \$10 MILLION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO A "TEST" RELIEF PROGRAM, AS PART OF THE CURRENT OVER-ALL RELIEF PROGRAM OF \$136 MILLION FOR EAST PAKISTAN. [REDACTED]

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